



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, March 24, 2019. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 11 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 18 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 33 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 34.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 51.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Morgan City. Highs ranged from 66.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Slidell to 74.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Leesville and Natchitoches. No precipitation was reported during the period.

Crop progress for week ending March 24, 2019

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, planted	50	3	55	35
Corn, emerged	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Rice, planted	25	5	35	23
Rice, emerged	1	0	6	4
Soybeans, planted	1	0	0	0
Winter wheat, headed	30	11	25	13

(NA) Not available.

Crop condition for week ending March 24, 2019

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Livestock	1	10	43	42	4
Pasture	1	14	46	34	5
Sugarcane	2	10	36	44	8
Vegetables	0	4	45	47	4
Winter wheat	1	13	42	41	3

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Drier conditions allowed for field preparation and planting of early spring crops. The majority of the corn and dry seeded rice crop were planted over the last week to ten days. Soybean acres were burned down and fieldwork in sugarcane is under way. The crawfish catch is improving with warmer weather. Livestock and hay producers are busy spraying herbicides and fertilizing grazing pastures and hay fields. Calf prices are improving some for the spring market.”

– Vince Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Drying field conditions accelerated crop work. Rice growers started drilling fields. Cool nights continue to slow crop progress. Ryegrass pastures need rain as top soil moisture is getting dry. Sugarcane producers are putting out fertilizer and spring weed control herbicides.”

–Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Area has received dry weather with cool mornings. Sugarcane farmers made good progress in spraying for grass and weeds as well as cultivating rows. Fallow sugarcane fields are being plowed, and some dry fertilizer has been applied. Cattlemen continue to deal with pasture issues and new calves. Home gardens are being planted and are off to a good, but slow start.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“Rice planting got into full swing and should continue at a rapid pace with current conditions. Sugarcane farmers made good progress with herbicide applications and fieldwork. Cattle ranchers continue calving and most have quit haying and feeding. Warm season grasses are greening up. Working cows and calves for spring is beginning.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermillion Parish

“Drier conditions last week allowed for all of the corn in the parish to be planted. It also allowed for much needed prep work for other crops to be planted.”

– Mark Carriere, Point Coupee Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending March 24, 2019

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	73.9	38.7	56.3	56.8	-0.6	0.00	0	-1.03	3.63	-0.83
Mooringsport	72.1	43.1	57.6	58.0	-0.4	0.00	0	-0.92	1.75	-2.05
Red River	71.8	42.6	57.2	58.1	-0.7	(NA)	0	-0.62	2.28	-1.38
Shreveport	72.3	40.6	56.4	57.8	-1.4	0.00	0	-0.93	2.36	-1.71
Extreme/Average	72.5	41.2	56.9	57.7	-0.8	0.00	0	-0.88	2.50	-1.49
North central										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	56.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	57.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	69.8	34.2	52.0	55.5	-3.2	(NA)	0	-0.75	4.05	-0.33
Extreme/Average	69.8	34.2	52.0	56.6	-3.2	(NA)	0	-0.75	4.05	-0.33
Northeast										
Lake Providence	71.4	42.1	56.8	57.0	-0.2	0.00	0	-1.04	3.51	-1.17
St Joseph	69.3	36.7	53.0	59.5	-6.3	0.00	0	-0.49	2.38	-2.12
Tallulah	72.5	43.0	57.8	58.7	-1.6	0.00	0	-0.31	0.00	-0.31
Winnsboro	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	58.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1.22	-1.00
Extreme/Average	71.1	40.6	55.9	58.5	-2.7	0.00	0	-0.61	1.78	-1.15
West central										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	58.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	59.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	74.4	38.7	56.6	60.0	-3.4	0.00	0	-1.00	0.58	-3.72
Natchitoches	74.4	44.0	59.2	60.1	-0.9	0.00	0	-1.48	1.69	-2.91
Extreme/Average	74.4	41.4	57.9	59.5	-2.1	0.00	0	-1.24	1.14	-3.32
Central										
Alexandria	71.6	43.9	57.7	60.5	-2.8	0.00	0	-0.95	1.18	-3.54
Bunkie	70.7	42.4	56.6	60.9	-4.3	0.00	0	-1.01	1.17	-3.38
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	62.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	68.7	44.6	56.6	59.2	-2.6	0.00	0	-1.18	1.79	-3.11
New Roads	69.0	45.0	57.0	61.3	-3.9	0.00	0	-0.51	2.45	-1.13
Extreme/Average	70.0	44.0	57.0	60.9	-3.4	0.00	0	-0.91	1.65	-2.79
East central										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	60.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.00	0	(NA)	2.08	(NA)
Slidell	66.7	44.3	55.5	61.6	-6.1	0.00	0	-1.15	3.58	-1.11
Extreme/Average	66.7	44.3	55.5	61.2	-6.1	0.00	0	-1.15	2.83	-1.11
Southwest										
Crowley	70.1	45.1	57.6	61.7	-4.1	0.00	0	-0.84	1.87	-1.78
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	61.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	70.0	46.7	58.4	61.7	-3.3	0.00	0	-0.91	1.82	-1.92
Oberlin Fire	68.8	40.0	54.4	61.6	-7.0	0.00	0	-0.64	2.47	-1.28
Extreme/Average	69.6	43.9	56.8	61.6	-4.8	0.00	0	-0.80	2.05	-1.66
South central										
Donaldsonville	69.3	44.0	56.6	61.9	-5.3	0.00	0	-0.89	4.04	0.08
Jeanerette	67.2	43.4	55.3	62.6	-7.1	0.00	0	-0.59	3.31	0.00
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	61.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	69.7	51.0	60.4	62.3	-1.9	0.00	0	-0.84	3.49	0.20
Extreme/Average	68.7	46.1	57.4	62.1	-4.8	0.00	0	-0.77	3.61	0.09
Southeast										
Galliano	67.8	48.8	58.3	63.2	-5.1	0.00	0	-0.56	3.57	0.38
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.00	0	-1.00	3.96	-0.37
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	64.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2.46	1.86
Extreme/Average	67.8	48.8	58.3	63.9	-5.1	0.00	0	-0.78	3.33	0.62
State	69.9	42.8	56.3	60.4	-3.8	0.00	0	-0.87	2.53	-1.28

(NA) Not available.  
Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.  
DFN = Departure From Normal.